inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, infrastructural constraints, faulty planning, managerial deficiencies, etc.

(b) In order to address the problem of Industrial sickness and to revive the viable sick industrial units, the Government of Rajasthan has been providing certain reliefs and concessions in the form of a package of assistance. In addition, the Central Government has taken various measures for the revival of sick industrial units which, *inter alia*, include guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, and setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, etc.

(c) As per information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, District and State level committees have been set up to identify sick industrial units and recommend/approve their revival packages. The package of assistance announced by the Government of Rajasthan, *inter-alia*, include reduced interest rate on loans, concessions/exemptions in various taxes such as house tax, land tax and sales tax, and concessional electricity rates during the revival period. The package also contains provision for waiving of interest on outstanding loans and rescheduling of the loan in respect of sick units on the verge of closure. Committee has also been set up to help sick industrial units opting for revival in sorting out their problems with banks. Big industrial units with large employment heading towards sickness are given additional financial facilities. Sick units are also allowed change in product mix, increase production, etc.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposal of Coffee Bonds

2253. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for floating Coffee Bonds to provide relief package to the coffee growers in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of cement

2254. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative production of cement during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the installed capacity of production of cement, State-wise;

(c) whether the capacity has been fully explored;

(d) if not,the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the cement produced in these States has fully been utilised; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by Government for fuller utilisation of the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The present State-wise installed capacity and State-wise production of cement during the last three years is given in the Statement annexed. (*see* below) After meeting the domestic demand, the industry has also exported 3.15 million tonnes of cement in 2000-01, 3.38 million tonnes in 2001-02 and 3.47 million tonnes in 2002-03.

(c) to (f) The capacity utilisation has been in the range of 79 to 81% in the last three years. Government has identified the following thrust areas for increasing demand for cement which will automatically lead to enhancement in the production of cement.

(i) Further push to housing development programmes;

(ii) Promotion of concrete Highways and roads; and

(iii) Use of ready mix concrete in large infrastructure projects.